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For: A METHOD FOR REDUCTION OF)
TOBACCO SPECIFIC NITROSAMINES)
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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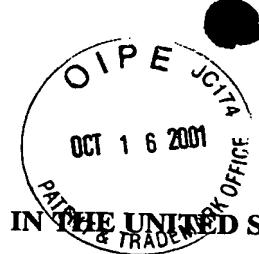
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit a copy of the Written Opinion dated October 12, 2001 for a corresponding application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement and copies are not enclosed.

Written Opinion dated October 12, 2001

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

To assist the Examiner, the document is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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